



Welcome to our FAQ page. Below you will find answers to frequently asked questions. If you can't find the answer you need or if your question isn't listed below, please contact the City of Lynchburg [GIS Team](#).

WHAT COORDINATE SYSTEM AND PROJECTION DOES THE CITY USE?

GIS data within the City of Lynchburg uses the following coordinate system and projection.

COORDINATE SYSTEM	State Plane
ZONE	Virginia South
DATUM	NAD 83
LINEAR UNIT	Feet
PROJECTION	Lambert Conformal Conic
ESRI NAME	NAD_1983_StatePlane_Virginia_South_FIPS_4502_Feet

HOW OFTEN IS THE DATA UPDATED?

The data available for download is updated on an "as needed" basis depending on the frequency of edits to our database. Many of feature classes in our internal database are static while others are updated on a daily basis. For this reason, the update frequency of data available for download is unique for each data group. Please visit the [About the Data](#) section of our website for more information about the data we make available. Or go directly to our [Available Data](#) document. This document provides more information on the update schedules for each of our available feature classes.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS ON HOW I CAN USE THE DATA?

Yes. It is strongly recommended that you download and read our [Data Sharing Policy](#) prior to downloading or using any of the GIS data. We also strongly recommend that you contact a GIS professional at the City of Lynchburg if you plan on using our data for analysis. We may be able to provide insight into how suitable our data is for your analysis.

WHAT FORMATS ARE AVAILABLE --- WHICH ONE SHOULD I DOWNLOAD?

We offer three different formats for download. Two formats, shapefile and file geodatabase, are ESRI formats native to the ArcGIS environment. We also make available the drawing format which is native to the AutoCAD environment. For detailed information on the available formats and their limitations, please visit the [About the Data](#) section of our website or go directly to our the [Available Formats](#) document.



WHY ISN'T UTILITY DATA AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD?

Currently we are only permitted to provide Utility data on a request-by-request basis. Since our [Data Download Page](#) offers data on a city-wide extent, all requests for Utility related data must be pre-approved and processed by the Utility department.

WHERE CAN I FIND AERIAL IMAGERY?

Aerial imagery is not available for free download. The City of Lynchburg has an extensive library of aerial imagery dating back to 1997! Please contact the [GIS Team](#) if you are interested.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL GIS RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

Need additional help? How about data from our surrounding localities? Visit the links the below for all your GIS needs.

What You'll Find	How to Get There
Bedford County GIS	Take Me There
Campbell County GIS	Take Me There
Region2000	Take Me There
ESRI Resources	Take Me There
AutoCAD Resources	Take Me There

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

GIS data in the City of Lynchburg is updated under a distributed maintenance approach. Many departments/divisions maintain data in the Enterprise GIS specific to their needs. Below you will find contacts for "GIS Owners" in the City of Lynchburg. Please use these contacts only when you have questions specifically related to the data. For questions regarding formats, downloads, or policies, please contact the GIS Division.

Department/Division	Website	Phone #
Planning Division	Take Me There	434-455-3900
City Assessor's Office	Take Me There	434-455-3825
Utilities Department*	Take Me There	434-455-4282
GIS Division**	Take Me There	434-455-3946 or 3940

* Utilities GIS data is not included in the downloads from the Data Download website. Requests for Utilities GIS data must be pre-approved by the Utilities Department.

** The GIS Division maintains data for departments without a GIS professional.